GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture Marketing Department — Procurement of Onions under Market intervention / Price Support Scheme — Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (AM.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 703 Dated: 08-10-2016

Read:-

From Commissioner &Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.MI/2875/2016, dt:06.10.2016.

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ORDER:-

The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur has reported that, a proposal was submitted to Government with 3 options towards Market Intervention / Price Support to the onion farmers who are facing the problem of sudden fall of prices. The District Collector, Kurnool interacted with the farmers & traders in the market yard and observed that nearly 1000 to 1200 MTs of onions are coming to Market Yard every day. The price per quintal is ranging between Rs.300/- to Rs.700/- depending upon the grading of onions. The model rate is Rs. 440/- per quintal. On interaction with the farmers they have stated that the present ongoing minimum price which is around Rs.300/- is un-remunerative for them and further stated that there shall be minimum support price of Rs.500/- per quintal which will at least cover the production cost of onions. The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing has also informed that, the present effort of Marketing Department in procuring about 100 to 150 tons daily is not able to make desired impact on the market.

2. The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing has reported that, the District Collector, Kurnool has proposed that the Government may announce Rs. 500/- to Rs.600/- (Rs.600/- is the rate fixed for procurement of onions by Government for common grade as Minimum Support Price per quintal and the differential amount between the actual rate at which farmer sells the commodity in the open market and the Minimum Support Price may be paid to the concerned farmer online. The details of the farmers including the rate and quantity sold in the market yard are available with the Market yard and the further details may be worked out for smooth disbursement of payment to onion farmers through online and explained among other things.

3. The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing has submitted proposal for Constitution of District Committees and also sanction Rs.20.00 Crores as an advance from Central Market Fund to Rythu Bazar, Kurnool account as Revolving fund for operating procurement of onions under Market Intervention Scheme/ Price Support Scheme.

4. The Government after examination of the matter in detail, hereby approve the proposal of Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing and permit him to sanction an amount of Rs.20.00 crores as first instalment out of total estimated cost of Rs.40.00 Crores for procurement of Onions under Market Intervention Scheme / Price Support Scheme from Central Market Fund (CMF) for which the funds are available with Commissioner and Director of Marketing, A.P., Guntur to Rythu Bazar Revolving Fund account of Asst. Director of Marketing, Kurnool which will be operated with the approval of Joint Collector, Kurnool and issue following orders:-

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a. Rs. 600/- per Qtl. for the onions to be fixed as minimum price.

b. The differential amount between the actual price (lower than minimum price) at which the farmer sells the onions at market yard, Kurnool and minimum price of Rs.600/- will be paid to the concerned farmer through online.

c. This scheme should be implemented for the arrivals of onions from 01.09.2016 to 28.02.2017 or the date of commencement of price hike whichever is earlier.

d. Following District Committee will monitor, supervise and over see the implementation of the scheme.

District Collector, Kurnool	- Chairman
Joint Collector, Kurnool	- Vice Chairman
Asst. Director of Marketing, Kurnool	- Convener
Asst. Director of Horticulture, Kurnool	- Member
Secretary, Agrl. Market Committee, Kurnool	-Member

e. The District Committee may take the following measures for successful implementation of the scheme.

- To take measures for providing direct benefit to farmers and to prevent misuse by traders / middlemen / others.
- To identify the farmers with the involvement of Revenue and Horticulture Departments.
- To work out and fix the quantity limits of each of the farmers based on the extent of land grown and productivity (6 to 8 Tons per acre) parameters.
- To take measures for regulation of arrivals, uniform supplies of the onions every day and to prevent glut in the market.
- To take measures for prevention of recycling of produce.
- To build awareness among the farmers on maintaining Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms such as compactness, dryness, cleanliness, free from pests and diseases of onions etc.,

5. The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur shall take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MKTG.)(FAC)

To
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner, Civil Supplies, A.P., Guntur.
The Managing Director, A.P.Markfed, Hyderabad.
All the District Collectors in the State.
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